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In preparation for four power meetings in Geneva in October the following papers on various aspects of the problem of cultural relations with the USSR are to be prepared. They should cover, as appropriate to each item, background facts, the present situation, the policy position so far taken by the US, steps taken to implement this policy, and, very briefly, the principal further courses of action now readily apparent. A separate section, where appropriate, should deal with each problem as it relates to the satellites.

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- | <u>Subject</u>  | <u>Action Officer</u> |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1. Relaxation of censorship on news sent abroad;  |                       |
| 2. Elimination of jamming;  |                       |
| 3. Circulation of periodicals;  |                       |
| 4. Exchanges of government publications;  |                       |
| 5. Exchanges of statistics;   |                       |
| 6. Exchanges of books and films,  |                       |
| 7. Exchanges of journalists;  |                       |
| 8. Exchanges of broadcasts;   |                       |
| 9. Exchanges of exhibits;   |                       |
| 10. Exchanges between professional, scientific and artistic circles;                                      |                       |
| 11. Academic exchanges of students, lecturers and professors;   |                       |
| 12. Facilities for tourist travel, including visa requirements, exchange rates, etc.;                     |                       |
| 13. US visa requirements as they affect exchanges of persons (McCarran-Walter Act, fingerprinting, etc.); |                       |

14. Exchange

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Subject

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14. Exchange of athletic teams;
15. Exchange of information about peaceful uses of atomic energy.



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An overall paper on the problem of cultural relations with the satellites with particular reference to the aspects listed above is also to be prepared.

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Item for Possible Inclusion in the Agenda  
of the Foreign Ministers Meeting  
in Geneva

A. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

To obtain more Soviet local newspapers and scientific and industrial journals, and achieve an increase in number of copies of those currently available.

B. RECOMMENDATION:

Propose to the Soviet representatives a freer interchange of newspapers and periodicals.

C. BACKGROUND:

Currently, newspapers are received only from Moscow, Leningrad, and the capital cities of the 16 republics. No papers are received from the Eastern USSR. An unknown number of scientific and industrial journals are not made available at the present time. For those periodicals currently received there are severe restrictions placed by the Soviet government on the number of copies made available. Whereas most US periodicals are available to the Soviet government in one way or another.

D. POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION:

1. Work toward removal of restrictions of the McCarran Act on circulation of Soviet periodicals in the US.
2. Establishment of a central office in the US to facilitate Soviet procurement of US periodicals.
3. Severer restrictions on the export of US periodicals.

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**A. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:**

To obtain copies of Soviet government publications other than periodicals.

**B. RECOMMENDATION:**

Propose exchange of government publications.

**C. BACKGROUND:**

At the present time the only Soviet government publications being received are those periodicals issued by the various ministries and some monographs of a political/propaganda nature. We suspect that there are many more probably with a limited dissemination but of a character that would be normally available in the US through the GPO. The Soviet government now procures many US government publications through GPO.

**D. POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION:**

1. Establish an agreed upon exchange list especially in the economic and technical fields.
2. Restrict availability of US government publications to the Soviet government through the GPO.

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### A. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

To achieve greater availability of books to the US government.

### B. RECOMMENDATION:

Propose that the Soviets make available their bibliographical literature, advance notices of books being published and some procedure by which our representatives in Moscow may be assured of obtaining copies.

### C. BACKGROUND:

Soviet bibliographical literature has not been readily available. There has been no official way of having advance notice of books about to be published. The Publications Procurement Officer in Moscow has found supplies of many books (allegedly, at least) exhausted when attempting purchase at bookstores. While there has been some increase in the past year of available monographs of intelligence interest, in the past, categories offered for exchange have been limited and exchange agreements have not been lived up to. Whereas in the US virtually any book is readily obtainable by the Soviet government either directly from the publisher or from the Library of Congress.

### D. POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION:

1. Arrange freer exchange program between the Lenin Library and the Library of Congress.
2. Arrange for freer access of US representatives to the Lenin Library.
3. Seek establishment of a central point in Moscow to which US representatives could go with reasonable assurance of obtaining copies of books.

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